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SUBJECT: MRS. MARCOS' VISIT TO LIBYA

REF: (A) MANILA 15936; (B) MANILA 156652; (C) MANILA 12849

1. AT OCTOBER 27 TELEVISED CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT MARCOS ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO SEND MRS. MARCOS TO LIBYA "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" WITH ECONOMIC MISSION. PRESIDENT NOTED THAT INVITATION WAS EXTENDED BY LIBYANS IN AUGUST AND REPEATED BY LIBYAN DELEGATE TO IMF IN OCTOBER (REFTELS). PRESIDENT EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SUCH A MISSION WOULD "FINALIZE THE QUESTION OF THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT" AND LEAD TO END OF FIGHTING IN SOUTH BY ENLISTING SUPPORT OF ISLAMIC NATIONS IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. PRESIDENT DID NOT STATE WHETHER HE ALSO INTENDED TO VISIT LIBYA (HE WAS INCLUDED IN SECOND INVITATION), BUT IMPLICATION WAS THAT HE DOES NOT, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME. HE SAID MRS. MARCOS WOULD NOT LEAVE UNTIL AFTER VISITS OF MRS. SADAT (NOVEMBER 4-7) AND PM BANDARNAIKE (NOVEMBER 8-12) BUT SUGGESTED SHE MIGHT MISS NEXT SESSION OF LEGISLATIVE

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ADVISORY COUNCIL (PROBABLY AFTER NOVEMBER 15).

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT DID NOT SPECIFY THAT
NEGOTIATIONS WITH MNLF WOULD TAKE PLACE DURING MRS.
MARCOS' PROPOSED VISIT ALTHOUGH "ECONOMIC MISSION"
COULD OBVIOUSLY BE EUPHEMISM. ON OCTOBER 25 AP
REPORTED THAT "GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN" HAD ANNOUNCED THAT
PEACE MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST (REPORTEDLY TO BE HEADED
BY DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY BARBERO) WOULD BE POSTPONED
UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT MARCOS (SIC) VISITED LIBYA.
MANILA PRESS HAS IMPLIED THAT MRS. MARCOS WILL BE
TORCH BEARER, CHARM QADAFI INTO SWEET REASONABLENESS,
AND THUS PAVE WAY FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, THE SAME
PATTERN THAT WAS FOLLOWED WHEN RELATIONS WERE OPENED
WITH CHINA IN 1974-5.
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